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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2023
PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023
2ND OCTOBER 2023

PLANNED ACTIVITY	TARGET	ACHIEVEMENT	LESSONS LEARNT, COMMENT, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD
Education	20 children	As per the set government schedules all the school going children were able to report for their final and promotional term in school and Home of Hope staff were able to share and discuss the children's performances with the teachers and also develop improvement plans for those children. During their holidays, the children were engaged in various activities that included accomplishing their holiday packages and other non-formal techniques.	Follow up on the agreed action points together with the teachers is to be done to ensure improvement in the performance of the children.
Outreach clinics	Two outreach clinics.	During the outreach clinic in Busede, seven new cases were registered and one of which was referred to Jinja Referral Hospital since he needed psychiatric service while three new	Inconsistence in attendance by the care givers or the clients makes it hard for the team

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		<p>cases were registered in Buwenge. Generally, there has been an increase in the number of clients benefiting from the services and there has been improvement in the health and wellbeing of the beneficiaries as a result of continued and constant uptake of the medication.</p> <p>Children in need of therapy were also able to receive therapy and care givers were also equipped with therapy techniques to enable them carry out therapy on the children while at home.</p>	<p>to gauge the condition of the patients while others have a tendency of sending neighbours.</p> <p>As a result of the poor roads due to the rain season, the attendance of the activities has been affected (reduction in participation)</p>
<p>Drop in clinics</p>	<p>4 drop in clinics</p>	<p>All the four drop in clinics were conducted and 12 new cases were registered during the period under review. While at the clinics, care givers are equipped with techniques of producing assistive devices using the locally available materials and also trained in preliminary therapy skills that they apply while at home to help the children enhance their mobility and daily living skills.</p> <p>Care givers also get counselling, guidance and psychosocial support to enable them overcoming their daily social and economic challenges in the community and the new clients are prepared to psychologically meet their</p>	<p>Due to changes in the season, some of the care givers tend to be committed in the gardens and fail to be consistent in making the visits hence causing a relapse in the children’s capabilities and adaptation to the drills given.</p>

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		<p>expectations of the services they receive.</p> <p>One child (Ali) was referred for further management in a specialised hospital in Entebbe</p>	<p>Ali was discharged and is now in a stable condition.</p>
In house therapy	All children	<p>With the addition of one occupational therapist the children are now able to receive more therapy time and this has also reduced on the workload of the entire therapy team.</p> <p>Together, the team has put more efforts on enhancing the children’s mobility and daily living skills. Some of the children have now advanced in their abilities such as Byakatonda who can now walk with minimal support and we believe that with time he will be able to live independently.</p>	<p>Equipping care givers with therapy techniques, children are can now receive therapy at all times.</p> <p>The team has also initiated other programmes such as dance and play to relax the children’s minds.</p>
Minimising administrative costs	Construction of alternative water source	<p>A lot of funds have been spent on payment of utility bills especially water, which is a necessity in the home, however, with the drilling and motorisation of a water point at Home of Hope, costs on water bills will be cut by more than 75% since the pump shall be supplying both the home and the health facility. This will also eliminate the problems of water shortages which have been rampant as a result of breakdown by the suppliers.</p>	<p>There is need to cut down more costs made on electricity used to pump the water by putting in place an alternative power source through installation of a solar system for the pump.</p>

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<p>Medical review</p>	<p>10 children</p>	<p>Ten children with hydrocephalus were taken for medical review as scheduled by the medical team and these were found to be in stable condition as a result of following the previous recommendations by the doctors.</p> <p>It was recommended that the children be subjected to more therapy time to avoid the development of contractures that lead to secondary disabilities.</p>	<p>The concerned persons are to observe the set forthcoming review dates.</p> <p>The therapy team is to develop a new therapy schedule to provide extra therapy time for all children.</p>
<p>Centre Clinic</p>	<p>One clinic</p>	<p>Participants of the centre clinic have reported great improvement in their health and performance as a result of uptake of the medication especially the newly enrolled clients on the programme.</p> <p>With the support of the Social team, clients were also able to receive counselling and guidance while at the centre clinic. Six new clients were registered and these were taken through the dos and don'ts while on medication, how to handle patients with seizures, and also prepare them to manage the different situations they are most likely to meet both at family and community level.</p>	<p>Some of the clients tend to forget the set dates of the clinics and don't turn up for the medication hence causing a relapse.</p> <p>The new clients need to be visited at house hold level for social inquiries to ascertain their environment and community well-being.</p>

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<p>Routine medication</p>	<p>40 children</p>	<p>As a result of continued seizures more two children have been enrolled on the daily medication programme to control the attacks bringing the total number of children to forty two children however, all the children are in steady conditions and there has been a reduction in the number of seizures per day especially for those that have just started medication.</p>	<p>The children are to be monitored to ensure that they stabilise and those in need of further management shall be referred to the appropriate places of management.</p>
<p>General medication</p>	<p>20 children</p>	<p>Having followed stringent measures put in place to curb the high rate of infection among the children, only eight children were treated against malaria and other infections while the rest of the children were in stable condition. This is also coupled with the tight monitoring and supervision role done by the line supervisors to ensure that the right things are done hence reducing the risks of exposure of children to the likely causes of illness.</p> <p>Due to proper management, no referral case was registered during the month of September.</p>	<p>There is need to monitor children with any signs of infection for isolation to avoid exposure of other children.</p> <p>The set conditions should also be adhered to by all staff to avoid further infections.</p>
<p>Home based activities</p>	<p>Variety</p>	<p>As we prepare the children for independent living, the children have been engaged in various activities ranging from house work, personal hygiene, and teamwork among others.</p>	<p>More activities are to be arranged to meet the needs of all children and staff.</p>

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		<p>Both the social and therapy teams worked together to design the activities.</p> <p>The care givers were also involved in various activities together with the children and others such as aerobics.</p>	
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Prayer points

- *Good health of all the children and staff at the home.*
- *Pray for perfect health for all the children and staff at the home.*
- *Provision of an alternative power point for the water pump*
- *Pray for more provision in abundance at the home to be able to meet all home needs*
- *Pray for the establishment of more income generating activities within the home for sustainability*

Conclusion

*Without the support of all friends and well-wishers of Home of Hope, the above achievements would not have been made possible and it is therefore our prayer that the Almighty God keeps on protecting and providing for all those who have stood together with us at all times. Grate thanks also go out to the Management and staff of Home of Hope Jinja Uganda for their dedication and commitment in ensuring the success of the home and well- being of the children. **“BE BLESSED”***

Pictorial



Figure 1: it was all joy among both Home of Hope children and their colleagues getting back together as school started.

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Figure 2: Care givers always get an opportunity to share the various conditions of the children during the outreach programme



Figure 3: Therapy is always part of the activities during the outreach programmes

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Figure 4: Understanding the cause, management and preparing new clients to handle the various challenges of epilepsy and sickle cells is paramount. Above is Social worker Steven performing his role during the outreach in Buwenge in the month of September.



Figure 5: After the referral, Ali was well attended to and is now in good health, these are some of the benefits our clients enjoy due to our partnership. most children lose life because care givers lack knowledge on what to do and where to go at such times.

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Figure 6: At every 1st visit, clients are assessed by the social team and recommendations are made. Above is Social worker Sharifa assessing a new client to understand the condition of the child. It takes a heart for men to participate in the well-being of their children.



Figure 7: In order to solve the high water bills at Home of Hope, it was necessary to drill a water point for safe and cheap water supply.

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Figure 8: Expenditure on utility bills need to be cut further by improvising a solar system for the motorised water pump that was installed at Home of Hope in the month of August 2023 to avoid high electricity bills.



Figure 9: Home of Hope provides an alternative to the needy patients of epilepsy and sickle cells since these drugs are sold expensively in the open market and are rarely provided in government hospitals

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